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DEVICE WITH ELECTRICAL ISOLATION

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AMENDMENT

In response to the action mailed March 28, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:.

-- 1. (Twice amended) A method of fabricating a microelectromechanical system, comprising:

providing a substrate having a device layer;

etching a first trench in the device layer, the first trench surrounding a first region of the substrate;

depositing a dielectric isolation layer in the first trench to electrically isolate the first region from a second region of the substrate; and

etching a second trench in the device layer, the second trench located in the first region and defining a microstructure, and the first trench electrically isolating elements of the microstructure from each other. --

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 5-11 stand rejected as anticipated by Bashir et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,747,353). Claim 3 stands rejected as obvious over Bashir et al., and claims 4 and 12 stand rejected as obvious over Bashir et al. in view of Hunter et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,631,803).

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